Fare concession to unemployed youths in Railways

100. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision regarding 50 per cent concession in the train fares to the unemployed youth appearing for interviews and exeminations conducted by the railways; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) With effect from 1.10.95, the Ministry of Railways are allowing 50% concession on Second & Sleeper Class Mail/Express single and return journey tickets to Unemployed Youths, upto the age of 35 years, travelling to attend interviews for employment in Public Sector Organisations including Central/State Government offices, Statutory Bodies, Municipal Corporations, Govt. Undertakings, Universities, Public Sector Banks etc. The tickets are issued on production of an attested copy of (1) the call letter from the concerned organisation indicating the date & place for interview and (2) the application form submitted by the candidate to the concerned Organisation showing his age, employment status etc. The concession is granted only to persons proceeding to attend interviews. It is not admissible in cases where travel expenses are reimbursed.

Funds allocated to Punjab for Women & Child Welfare Schemes

101. SHRI MOHINDRA SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated by Government to the State of Punjab for various women and child welfare schemes during the year 1995-96;

(b) whether the entire fund was utilised by the State Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the effective measures being taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) to (c) A Statement is attached. (*See* **below**)

(d) Effective measures taken by the Government for utilisation of funds include monitoring of the schemes through periodical reports/returns and also review meetings at the Centre and the State levels.

Central assistance to Karnataka under

Statement

Funds allocated to Punjab for women and child welfare schemes

Name of the Scheme.		Amount allocated	Amount spent.	Remarks/Reasons for shortfall.
		(Rupees in lakhs)		
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme	1020.93	1077.09	The expenditure includes the unspent balance of previous years.
2.	Indira Mahila Yojana	30.00	30.00	—
3.	National Maternity Benefit Scheme	23.80	11.00	It is a new scheme and is being implemented through the ICDS pro-jects. Due to lack of awareness and non-coverage of all the Community Development